

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency**

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June 30, 2020

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

On June 20, 2020, you submitted a waiver request and detailed plan through the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to resume spring training and MLB season activities in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, your request for a waiver is APPROVED, assuming the following conditions are met:

- You strictly follow the guidelines in the Major League Baseball (MLB)'s re-opening document, as well as that of the Washington Nationals—including, but not limited to, measures for social distancing, cleaning and disinfectant protocols, wellness checks, and appropriate education for staff and players;
- Please provide to me the contact information for the Nationals' team physician;
- Please provide to me any required MLB reporting materials you submit to the League;
- Please immediately inform the District of Columbia's Department of Health (DC Health) of any COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed, positive cases at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/infectious-diseases>.

We appreciate your prompt transmittal of this information. We have also received the MLB re-opening guidance document and through that submission, we understand that you are promising to comply with the terms of MLB's guidance. We want to reiterate that no fans are to attend spring training or games, and that no restaurants at Nationals Park and none of the suites will be open during this phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The District believes that as we operate in Phase Two, we can learn from your experience as we develop strategies for future phases. We also recognize that unlike other sports and recreational activities that will remain closed during Phase Two, this waiver allows professional athletes to return to work on a limited basis in the safest way possible, under strict public health guidelines, and to be in the best position to resume normal operations when that is allowed. That is, facilitating player conditioning and games are akin to your minimum business operations—it is not reopening your whole business.

One further condition of this waiver is that you consent to allow inspectors from DC Health and the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to inspect facilities and practices to verify your compliance with the documents you have submitted. Further, if MLB modifies its guidance, you will come back to us to confirm that you are allowed to proceed with its new terms. Such assent is not automatic on our part. I will be your point of contact.

Again, we appreciate your partnership and look forward to continuing to work with you to learn from your limited re-opening experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CR', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez  
Director, HSEMA